

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY
CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING BOARD**

Pursuant to Section 19.84 Wisconsin Statutes, a regular meeting of the Brown County Criminal Justice Coordinating Board was held on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 8 am in the Karen H. Dorau Memorial Conference Room at the Brown County Law Enforcement Center, 300 East Walnut Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Members Present: Judge William Atkinson
Michele Andresen, DA designee
Citizen Rep. Tim McNulty
Public Defender Rep. Tara Teesch
Probation and Parole Rep. Jennifer Hornacek
Green Bay Police Chief Andrew Smith
Human Services Committee Rep. Joan Brusky
Citizen Rep. Robert Srenaski
Citizen Rep. Christopher Zahn
Health and Human Svcs. Exec. Dir. Erik Pritzi
Jail Captain Heidi Michel

Others Present: Treatment Court Sup. Mark Vanden Hoogen
Family Services Rep./Vice President Angela Steuck
Clerk of Courts John Vander Leest
District Court Administrator Tom Schappa
Corporation Counsel Dave Hemery

1. Call Meeting to Order.

This meeting was called to order by Chair Judge Atkinson at 8:00 am.

2. Approve/modify Agenda.

Corporation Counsel Dave Hemery asked that Item 6 be moved up. There was no objection, and Item 6 was taken at this time.

3. Approve/modify Minutes of January 15, 2019.

District Court Administrator Tom Schappa indicated that the last sentence on page two should be modified by striking the word *after* and replacing it with *for* so it reads: Teesch stated that if this stays at the municipal court level there will never be jail time for the first offense. Teesch agreed with this change.

Motion made by Andrew Smith, seconded by Tim Mc Nulty to approve as amended. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Jail population numbers (Sheriff).

Jail Captain Heidi Michel reported the jail is currently at 90% capacity with 659 inmates between the two facilities. There are 63 inmates on the EMP program and there are no inmates being shipped out at this time. These numbers have been fairly consistent since the beginning of the year and Michel noted this is typically a slower time at the jail, partly because historically judges do not like to sentence people around the holidays. It is expected that the jail population will increase somewhat during the summer months. Citizen Representative Bob Srenaski asked about the average daily population that was shipped out for the first quarter of 2019. Michel responded that the average was about 14 shipped out on a daily basis, but all of those inmates were brought back to Brown County during the end of February and early March. Srenaski noted that was about 50% of the average for 2018, which is good news.

Judge Atkinson asked if the jail is functional at 90% capacity. Michel said that number is livable, but there are times when it becomes difficult such as when there are a number of individuals on suicide watch as those require checks every 15 minutes. This sometimes makes it difficult to classify and house the people during

busy periods. Michel has been working with the Sheriff on trying to revamp the EMP program to see if they can increase those numbers by making some changes in qualifications.

5. **Treatment Court participant numbers.**

Treatment Court Supervisor Mark Vanden Hoogen reported there are currently 21 participants in the drug court, 19 in the heroin court, 20 in mental health court, 16 in veterans' court and 22 in the OWI court for a total of 98 participants. In addition, there are 58 individuals in the pre-charge diversion program. Srenaski asked if those numbers are increasing or decreasing. Vanden Hoogen responded that those numbers have increased and he anticipates being in the 110 range soon. The diversion numbers fluctuate because those are referrals from the DA's office and sometimes they get a number of them at the same time which skyrockets the numbers. The treatment courts is where the most bang for the buck is and that number has steadily increased. There is not a cap on the number of participants for the treatment courts; it depends on the needs of the participants and there is capacity to grow in all of the courts.

Clerk of Courts John Vander Leest asked is there is a summary sheet available for treatment courts and the diversion program that could be provided to the public. Vanden Hoogen said this is something he is working on and Vander Leest asked that that be forwarded to the group. He noted that there are people that inquire about this and Judge Atkinson added that there are pro se litigants that are looking for this information as well as some of the newer attorneys in town.

6. **Status of County Board action concerning subcommittee.**

Corporation Counsel Dave Hemery recalled there were two steps that needed to be taken in this regard. One was to firm up the membership and he provided a handout, a copy of which is attached, with a proposed resolution amending the membership. Once the members are determined and OK'd by this Board, Hemery will bring back a proposed resolution to create the efficiency work group sub or ad hoc committee.

Hemery said he reviewed the minutes of the last meeting and noted that several members were added and several position titles were amended. There are 17 current proposed members and they are all outlined in the proposed resolution. Hemery outlined the changes made and positions added.

Hemery questioned if there were by-laws for the Criminal Justice Coordinating Board. Typically by-laws lay out who the voting and non-voting members are and he noted other counties have by-laws that are very similar. Hemery asked if the citizen reps are voting members and noted they are not in other counties. Judge Atkinson informed that citizen representatives have always been considered voting members because the resolution that created the membership did not have a differentiation between voting and non-voting so it was presumed that they were voting members.

Judge Atkinson brought the group's attention to number 7 in the proposed resolution and said it was his recollection that it was to be County Executive or designee, not Deputy Executive or designee. This was discussed briefly and several other members had a similar recollection.

Motion made by Bob Srenaski, seconded by Erik Pritzl, to amend number 7 of the proposed resolution to state County Executive or Designee. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A clarification was also made to the terminology of number 17.

Motion made by Erik Pritzl, seconded by Christopher Zahn to amend number 17 of the proposed resolution to strike *Division of* and have it read *Criminal Justice Manager or Designee*. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

At this time Pritzl announced that Mark Vanden Hoogen has been selected as the Criminal Justice Services Manager. This was followed by a round of applause.

Motion made by Bob Srenaski, seconded by Tara Teesch to approve the resolution as amended. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Hemery concluded by explaining that he will come back to the next CJC meeting with the standardized form for creating sub and ad hoc committee filled in and ready for approval. The process for approval of minutes of this Board was discussed and it was indicated that they go to both Public Safety and Human Services for approval. Once the minutes of this meeting are approved by Public Safety and Human Services this resolution will move on to the full County Board for approval on May 15, 2019.

7. Future Agenda Items, if any.

Judge Atkinson pointed out there has been success in reducing the jail population numbers, but noted there were several things being tried to accomplish this at the same time and asked if it was clear as to which of those things have worked and what worked the best so this Board knows where to focus their efforts. Srenaski said that demographics play a significant role in the number of people committing crimes and he said that males ages 20 – 24 have the highest rate of committing crimes and the highest arrest rate nationally. Males in that age range represent few and fewer of the total population; the population is just getting older and old people do not commit crimes as frequently as the younger people. This trend has been ongoing for a period of time and should be expected to continue, although there may be some blips along the way. As the population gets older, crime rates should continue to decrease.

Green Bay Police Chief Andrew Smith said that crime in Green Bay is down for the third year in a row. This year it is down about 8% year to date for 2019 and it continues to decrease. Another thing that needs to be kept in mind is that there is a lot of fear in the immigrant community that if you get arrested you get deported. That population is quite hesitant to do anything to attract attention to themselves. He also mentioned that the mental health officers are doing a lot with getting people voluntarily referred and this may be helping with the jail population numbers as well. Judge Atkinson said the mental health officers are worth their weight in gold and are one of the best things to come along in a long time. They will show up in court and have an incredible relationship with some of the individuals and the benefit is incredible. He really applauds this program and said how the right people are definitely in the right roles. He speaks for all of the judges on this and asked Chief Smith to pass his compliments along.

Vander Leest added that he has noticed that cash bonds are down considerably and said that was one of the things that was looked at in the past. This applies to people that used to be sitting in the jail on larger bonds and now may be out as their bonds were lower dollar amounts or signature bonds. Michel agreed with Vander Leest and said those sitting in jail typically have very high cash bonds.

Srenaski recalled the PSA system that was discussed in the past. Vanden Hoogen said they are targeting a start date of July 1, but there is still some work to be done. District Court Administrator Tom Schappa added that there are some hang ups at the state level that have caused this to stall a little. Milwaukee and Dane County are already doing this and it seems to be having some impact on reducing the number of people in jail being held on bond. Judge Atkinson said there has been some de facto implementation on this by the judges because they are aware it is coming and there has been some discussion on this and they have started to adjust accordingly.

Probation and Parole Representative Jennifer Hornacek added that there has been a great effort between the DOC and the Courts to get the process streamlined for when someone's supervision is revoked. The Courts do not know that someone has been revoked until they get the paperwork and the process for getting the paperwork to the Courts has been streamlined. The sooner the Courts know someone is in jail waiting, the sooner they can get the case on the docket.

Pritzl added that he sent a communication to key people with regard to the transition of the day report center from Family Services to the County. Family Services will be taking new intakes through May 1 and after that Health and Human Services will take over the new intakes. Family Services will continue serving existing participants through June 30 and then Health and Human Services will take over. The phased in approach should help the transition go smoothly and he feels this will work well if they are able to keep staff in place. Pritzl noted that Family Services has been great to work with in this process.

As far as future agenda items are concerned, Brusky suggested having a discussion regarding ways to improve the day report center following the changeover. Vander Leest also said he would like to see an update on

the day report center at the next meeting, especially as to how things are going throughout the transition period.

Srenaski would also like to have a future agenda item as to revocations and the impact of those on the jail. He noted that former Sheriff John Gossage indicated this was a significant issue and Srenaski feels this is something that should be discussed. Hornacek said she will try to gather information on the amount of revocations that are getting processed, however, it would be difficult to get information from the time the order and warrant is issued until the time of sentence. Judge Atkinson said the guideline is that from the time the Courts receive the paperwork, they should be before the Court within two weeks. Sometimes the defense attorneys prevent this from happening, but the goal is to get the people on the next available criminal court calendar. Michel added that perhaps what Gossage was referencing was the time someone has to meet with an Administrative Law Judge, not a Circuit Court Judge.

8. Other such matters as authorized by law. None.

9. Adjourn.

Motion made by Erik Pritzl, seconded by Andrew Smith to adjourn at 8:35 am. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

Therese Giannunzio
Administrative Specialist

May 15, 2019

TO THE HONORABLE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS
OF THE BROWN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Ladies and Gentlemen:

**RESOLUTION AMENDING MEMBERSHIP OF
CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING BOARD**

WHEREAS, the Membership of the Brown County Criminal Justice Coordinating Board (CJCB) is currently in need of amendment, as position titles and CJCB needs have changed over the years; and

WHEREAS, it is desired to amend the Membership of the CJCB to include 17 Membership positions, as follows (deletions are in 'strike-through,' and additions are in 'underline')

1. Chairperson of Public Safety Committee or Designee;
2. Chairperson of Human Services Committee or Designee;
3. ~~Special Chief Deputy Judge of the Circuit Court or Designee~~

Brown County Circuit Court Presiding Judge or Designee;

4. ~~District Attorney~~

Brown County District Attorney or Designee;

5. ~~State of Wisconsin, First Assistant State Public Defender~~

State Public Defender Regional Office Manager or Designee;

6. ~~Sheriff~~

Brown County Sheriff or Designee;

7. ~~County Executive Assistant~~

Brown County Deputy Executive or Designee;

8. ~~Jail Captain~~

Brown County Jail Captain or Designee;

9. ~~Green Bay Police Chief~~

Green Bay Police Chief or Designee;

10. ~~Division of Probation and Parole Eastern Region Chief~~

State Probation and Parole Division of Community Corrections Region Chief or Designee;

11. ~~Citizen Representative No. 1~~

Citizen Representative No. 1- Human Services Advocate;

12. Citizen Representative No. 2;

13. Citizen Representative No. 3;

14. Citizen Representative No. 4;

15. ~~Sheriff Department's Accountant~~

Brown County Health and Human Services Department Executive Director or Designee;

16. Brown County Clerk of Court or Designee; and

17. Division of Criminal Justice Manager or Designee.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Brown County Board of Supervisors hereby amends the Membership of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Board as described above in this Resolution.

Fiscal Note: This Resolution does not require an appropriation from the general fund.

Respectfully submitted,

CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING
BOARD

Approved By:

TROY STRECKENBACH
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Date Signed: _____

Authorized by Corporation Counsel at request of CJC
Approved by Corporation Counsel

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ROLL CALL # _____

Motion made by Supervisor _____

Seconded by Supervisor _____

SUPERVISORS	DIST. #	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	EXCUSED
SIEBER	1				
DE WANE	2				
NICHOLSON	3				
HOYER	4				
GRUSZYNSKI	5				
LEFEBVRE	6				
ERICKSON	7				
BORCHARDT	8				
EVANS	9				
VANDER LEEST	10				
BUCKLEY	11				
LANDWEHR	12				
DANTINNE, JR	13				

SUPERVISORS	DIST. #	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	EXCUSED
BRUSKY	14				
BALLARD	15				
KASTER	16				
VAN DYCK	17				
LINSEN	18				
KNEISZEL	19				
DESLAURIERS	20				
TRAN	21				
MOYNIHAN, JR.	22				
SUENNEN	23				
SCHADEWALD	24				
LUND	25				
DENEYS	26				

Total Votes Cast _____

Motion: Adopted _____ Defeated _____ Tabled _____